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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, please consider the following response. Additionally, please find enclosed a Request for Extension of Time to and including October 20, 2004. Please provide any additional extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees due or credit any payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include payment of issue fees.